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The Bethel Library.

It is interesting to note, that people from elsewhere are impressed by the report of the secretary of the Bethel Library Association, and that they are quick to perceive the fact, that to the good ladies of Bethel, our citizens owe much for the untiring energy with which they have labored to establish and maintain our public library. They truly have accomplished a noble work, and the fruits of their labors will be enjoyed by the citizens of Bethel as long as time shall last.

The following was clipped from the Bangor Commercial of May 30: A thoughtful friend has sent us a copy of the report of Annie M. Frye, secretary of the Bethel Library Association, an interesting story which we are glad to obtain, as otherwise our readers might not have known what that town library, in one of the most picturesque of the New England States, is doing in the march of library progress. Not having room for the entire report we may say that the library has 2000 volumes, "completely installed in a building all by itself with space enough to shelve many hundreds more than it now possesses," and the trustees have the keenest pleasure at the increasing interest and appreciation which the community manifests in the library. "There are books of reference, books about useful arts, books of travel, history, letters, science and fiction, while new books are being added from time to time in quantity and quality to meet the approval of the public." There is much interest among patrons of the library in the reports of women's clubs, that "the women of Bethel" took the initiative in the establishment of the library and organized and managed the library association long before the "club woman" made her appearance—as they also did in scores of other Maine towns which now have large and successful libraries. The total resources of the association for the past year were \$148.14—some of the items being "rose breakfast," \$13.25; town meeting dinner, \$20.67; birthday party, \$46.01. Who would not like to live in a place where a "rose breakfast" was served in aid of the public library which needed the neat little sum of \$13.25? Enough to purchase a good set of John Ruskin.

Commencement Concert.

The commencement concert on Thursday evening of next week promises Bethel people an unusual opportunity for enjoyment. It is to be hoped that the enterprise and discrimination of the Senior Class of Gould's Academy in securing so marked an attraction as the Boston Ideal Ladies' Quartette will receive the recognition it deserves, and that a crowded hall will show that Bethel knows how to appreciate and patronize an entertainment of such high order.

Miss Ella Chamberlain's wonderful development of her unique talent has won her a wide reputation. She never fails to win her audiences. Her almost phenomenal powers are always an unfailing source of delight.

Miss Hawes is a young lady of very modest, pleasing personality, with a sweet voice that shows the result of most careful and artistic training.

Miss Elean MacGregor is known as a pianist of marked ability and cultivation. It is always pleasant to know the woman behind the artist. Mrs. James of Boston, is known to some of us as a woman of fine character and culture, as well as a reader of unusual attractions.

United with the other features of the evening will be music on the guitar, mandolin, and banjo by the same artists. Altogether the Ideal Quartette forms a charming combination, which we may well be glad to see and hear. All praise to the Senior Class for giving us the chance.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Edith Grover is home from Portland.

E. C. Bowler is in Boston on a business trip.

Rev. O. L. Stone of Newry, was in town last Friday.

Dennis Kilgore of North Newry, was in town, Saturday.

Mr. W. A. Hutchins of Livermore Falls was in town Sunday.

C. O. Foster and little son, Wilfred, were at Locke Mills yesterday.

Patrick Murphy of Gilead, rode down to Bethel on his wheel Monday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Thursday afternoon.

Grace Helene Bass of Gorham, N. H., is working at the News office.

The Literary Society will meet with Mrs. Eldridge, to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. George Brown of Auburn, was visiting in our village last Monday.

C. O. Foster has been promoted to the position of bookkeeper at the chair factory.

Mrs. Ella Carter visited in Lewiston, Saturday and Sunday.

Capt E. T. Coburn of Middle Dam, was in town Monday.

Misses Boothby and Mason of Berlin, N. H., spent Memorial day in town.

Mrs. L. T. Bryant of South Paris, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ira C. Jordan.

Mrs. F. S. Chandler has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bunting at Norway.

Who says the Major is 79? He doesn't look a day older than he did when he led us in '61.

Rev. Arthur Varley went to Andover last Thursday to attend ordination services at the Congregational church.

Good health is worth more than anything else to you, and every bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, contains good health.

Dennis A. Mesher of Portland is in town today on business connected with the sale of the estate of the late Sarah Biden.

Mr. P. A. Whitney of Upton, has moved into one of Mr. Philbrook's houses on Elm street. Mr. Whitney is a machinist by trade.

Mrs. Scott Wight has returned from Lewiston hospital, where she has been for treatment for the past few months. She is at present staying with Mrs. Arno.

News has been received of the safe arrival in Rome, of Miss Grace Carter and pupil. She writes of a delightful trip thus far and that she will spend the summer months in Switzerland.

The G. A. nine, which played at South Bethel yesterday afternoon, was beaten by a score of 16 to 19, which was not strange as the opposing catcher formerly played on the Bridgton Academy team.

There will be no preaching at the Congregational church next Sunday forenoon. The Sunday school will be held as usual at 12 o'clock, and the baccalaureate service will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Varley at 1:30 p. m.

Messrs. H. C. Barker and Leander Grover attended the Memorial services at South Paris yesterday. The speaker of the day was Rev. J. J. Richardson, their lieutenant in the war; Mr. Richardson and Mr. Grover were wounded in the same engagement.

George French and Leon Walker collided while playing ball on the common Friday night, and French was hurt quite severely. He was struck in the temple and rendered unconscious for some time. He says it seems rather strange to him, but from what they say he has lost fourteen hours out of his life.

Last Saturday the first nine of Gould's Academy played the Bryant Pond nine at Bryant Pond, and the second nine played a picked team at Rumford Corner the same afternoon. That fickle bird, victory, did not alight on either G. A. banner, but our boys are undaunted still, and yet stand ready to conquer or be conquered.

Ferren Lovejoy has been home for the past week in the interest of the hotel business which he is advertising quite extensively this season. Two thousand twenty-four page souvenirs of Bethel have just been made for him at the News office, and are being circulated. While at home Mr. Lovejoy has been making some repairs on the Bethel House, which is to be opened in June.

What a Woman Thinks About It.

"I had scrofula sores that discharged all the time, but since taking half a dozen bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla they are all gone. I find I am much stronger when I take Hood's. I do not think I should be alive to-day had it not been for Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. Louis Corson, South Bridgton, Maine.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, headache.

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All the world admires "staying power." On this quality success depends. The blood is the best friend the heart has, and "faint heart" never won anything. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best friend the blood ever had; it cleanses the blood of everything.

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Hives.—The itching of hives which troubled me last summer was terrible; blotches came all over my body. Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills cured me." Mrs. Mary Jenson, 238 South Wolf St., Baltimore, Md.

All Run Down.—"I was as tired in the morning as at night, had no ambition, weak and run down. Three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla built me up and cured me. Catarrh of the bladder and other serious troubles. The best physician said my case was hopeless. I stopped taking everything else and took Hood's Sarsaparilla. New life came to me and I gained until I am perfectly well and strong." Mrs. Rosa J. Higgins, Lowell, Missouri.

Female Troubles.—"I would have welcomed death any time as a relief from my troubles. The best physician said my case was hopeless. I stopped taking everything else and took Hood's Sarsaparilla. New life came to me and I gained until I am perfectly well and strong." Mrs. Rosa J. Higgins, Lowell, Missouri.

TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN,

—Therefore man should see that he is on time. An accurate watch is a necessity to most people now days. If our grandfathers guessed at the time, it is no reason that we should. They also rode by stage-coach, while we ride by train. The use of improved machinery has so lowered the cost of production that a good watch is within the reach of all. Come and see my line and let me quote you prices. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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Bethel Chair Co.

There has been an encouraging revival of business for the Bethel Chair company during the past few weeks, and with the new blood which has recently been supplied a still greater progress is hoped for and confidently expected. The chair business was established in Bethel by J. H. Barrows who began operations at this place Feb. 18, 1886. He carried on the business alone until Nov. 1888, when a stock company was formed. The artistic designs and superior quality of the work commended the productions of the factory to the trade from the start and a thriving business sprang up. Chairs from the Bethel chair factory were in demand and had a ready sale not only in all parts of New England but in the West as well.

The business flourished beyond all anticipation, paying some years as high as 24% dividend to the stockholders. It continued in this flourishing condition until the financial crash came in 1894, and then, unlike hundreds of concerns that went to the wall, it went steadily forward and did a good fair paying business through that four years of financial depression, and just as business began again to gain its equilibrium, and prosperity began to appear above the horizon, the fated fire of July 1898 destroyed over \$7000 of uninsured property.

Many feared that this would be the death blow, but fortunately such was not the case. The same energy and determination that had established the business were determined to maintain it despite the effect of hard times and conflagration. Six thousand dollars have been added recently to make up for the loss of the fire, and henceforth no effort will be spared to develop the business to its fullest capacity.

E. L. Tebbets of Locke's Mills has become interested in the business and June first, will assume the duties of agent and general manager. Mr. Tebbets has long been identified as one of Oxford county's successful business men, and the company may consider itself fortunate in being able to secure his services.

Positively the Bethel Chair Co. is successfully established and occupies an enviable place in the chair business of New England. Mr. Barrows knows the chair business from start to finish, and his chairs have been, are, and always will be in demand. He does his own designing and hence every pattern put upon the market is sure to be different from the goods of any other factory. They are carrying about sixty different designs at the present time, and it is the custom and purpose of the management to put out a new line of goods about once in six months.

Six large rustic chairs have recently been constructed for Bar Harbor parties. They weigh 150 pounds each and are novel curiosities to say the least. The prospect before the Bethel Chair Co. was never brighter than it is at the present time. The new three-story building 60 by 100 feet is completed and the company is now in a position to finish and ship their chairs with much less expense than at the first, as no trucking is necessary, the goods being taken directly from the factory to the cars. There are many other conveniences and means of economy which were not possible in the old building, all of which will unite to make the future of the business a prosperous one.

Mr. P. Ketchum of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords.

For sale by G. W. Wilcox, Bethel, and W. H. Goodrich, Locke Mills.

Yours truly,
F. W. Devor & Co.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Usual Decorations--Address by H. E. Webster.

The wheel of time has made another revolution and again the experiences of the dark days of rebellion have been kindled anew in the hearts of those who passed through those trying scenes, by the exercises of Memorial day.

On Sunday, May 23, the members of Brown Post, Woman's Relief Corps, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics marched to the Congregational church and listened to a soul thrilling, patriotic address by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Varley.

Though Mr. Varley's acquaintance with the experiences of war has come to him only through history, yet few public speakers who have passed through the scenes of any life, are able to portray upon the minds of their hearers, such a vivid picture as did he. He spoke with much feeling and his remarks were highly appreciated by all. Especial music was furnished by a chorus under the direction of Mrs. Varley.

The church decorations were exceptionally fitting and impressive, and failed not to teach the lesson, which they were designed to teach, the lesson of patriotism; in fact, the very atmosphere was pregnant with patriotism; the words of the speaker, the stars and stripes, the aged veterans, the muskets, bayonets, and swords made the occasion an impressive one indeed.

Tuesday at 1:30 p. m., a procession made up of the members of Brown Post, the Volunteer Hose Co., the Hook and Ladder Co., and the children of the village schools, marshalled by Maj. G. A. Hastings, and led by the Locke Mills Cornet band, marched to Evergreen cemetery. Here exercises were held, consisting of a prayer by Rev. Mr. Eldridge and short addresses by Maj. True, Rev. Mr. Varley, and Prin. L. Whitney Elkins. The graves were then decorated, after which the procession re-formed, marched to the Hill and broke ranks.

The evening services were held in the Congregational church. The J. O. U. A. M. again formed in line and marched with the members of the G. A. R. After music by the Bethel chorus and prayer by Rev. Mr. Eldridge, Maj. True introduced the speaker of the evening, Comrade H. E. Webster of Damariscotta. Mr. Webster knew his subject thoroughly, having served his country from '62 to '65. He thus spoke from actual experience and touched upon various scenes that brought vivid recollections to the minds of his comrades. We have been asked to publish his address and hope to do so next week.

AT THE CEMETERIES. Services were held at the Songo Pond cemetery, the scholars, under the leadership of their teacher, Miss Johnson, giving recitations, quotations and songs.

At South Bethel, the scholars marched in procession from the school house to the cemetery, bearing flowers and wreaths, the red, white and blue of their flags giving added color. Miss Russell took charge of the exercises—the old soldiers present said, "an ideal Memorial service."

The scholars at East Bethel marched into the cemetery, singing "Glory to Old Glory." Miss Hammons, their teacher, being too ill to be present, two young misses took charge of the services. Everything went along beautifully—the readings, the quotations, —how good it all was, the exercises concluding with "America." The first Memorial service ever held at Mason cemetery was under the charge of Miss Abbott. The services, as all the others, were excellent, with patriotic songs and recitations, and short speeches by Comrades Chapman and Hutchinson.

Delegations from Brown Post decorated graves in seventeen cemeteries; over one hundred graves were marked with the flag.

Letter to A. C. Frost, Bethel, Me.

Dear Sir: You buy your horse-shoes and nails; your grandfather, if he was a blacksmith, made 'em. You can't afford to hammer them out by hand, when you can buy as good, or better perhaps, ready-made to your hand, for a little more than the cost of the iron.

What do you think of a painter who goes on buying his linseed oil and white-lead, and mixing, and tinting, and charging his time for work that is far better-done than he can do it, done by machinery, done as your horse-shoes and nails are made.

Mistake isn't it? He is wasting his chance in the world. There is no better stuff to do business with than good horse-shoes and paint; and no better work than putting them on. Good horse-shoes well put on: it's the putting 'em on that makes you a blacksmith: no matter who makes 'em.

Who wants to go back to old times, and make his own horse-shoes?

Between us two, that painter don't know how to make good paint—he used to; but paint has run away from him.

Yours truly,
F. W. Devor & Co.

J. R. Libby & Co. BICYCLES

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Dress Goods from England Scotland & France.

ENGLISH One thing is to the credit "CHEVIOTS." of England, she never slights, to cheapen. These London Cheviots are in shades of navy blue, absolutely fast color; salt water will not harm them. They are shrunken. 50 inch \$1 00; 64 inch \$1 50; 62 inch \$1 25; 56 inch \$2 00.

STORM For street, outing, mountain, SERGE. beach or bicycle wear, they fear no weather. 42 inch 50c; 54 inch 60c; 45 inch 58c; 48 inch 68c.

SOOTH Ranging from fine pin checks CHECKS up to large squares and blacks, white, with either black, blue, green or brown, will wash without injury. 40 inch 75c; 50 inch \$1 00.

FRENCH Fine texture, lustrous, a CASHMERE. great collection of colors; 38 inch 50c

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Send for samples. WRECK-SAVED The good ship Nors-man was wrecked off Cape Ann a short time ago. Her cargo was recovered, but in a wet and damaged condition. Among the saved things was this great collection of gold lined and filled open work edge plates. The damage paid by the insurance companies give you these 25c plates for 10c

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Look them over now.

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They are perfect fitting.

They are the latest style.

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when some of their customers commence calling on us. It doesn't hurt us though. In fact it is generally a good sign that

We are Giving Bargains,

that our competitors could not or would not give. Our special for this time is:—Waltham, P. S. Bartlett 17 jewels, nickel movement, adjusted etc, stem wind and set, in wholely out of the question for communities which have to strain a point to pay \$5 to \$50 a mile to improve their roads. The general adoption and use of broad tires will greatly help all such communities at once and will educate them to the adoption of further "improvements" hereafter to the advantage of the whole state. The use of broad tires in all parts of the state or any part of it is unquestionably a most desirable end.—Charleston News and Courier.

FARMERS IN LINE.

That the farmer is no longer the bitter enemy of organized public road improvement measures is made evident by many signs. Farmers generally are beginning to realize that good stone roads are not merely of benefit to bicyclists and a few pleasure drivers, but are the means of lifting farm commerce from its lying drudgery to profitable industry.

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